

Feb 1, 1972

Dear Mom & Dad,

We leave Monday on our trip. Taking the 1747 from Dulles to London where we change planes and fly to Naples. From there I and the two other fellows will fly on a little plane out to the carrier and land on it (I hope!). Vickie will stay in Naples a while and then go on to Rome. We will be in Naples over night so she will have a chance to get oriented before striking out on her own. Our plans are as follows:

Please do not mention
my dates to others - they
may be considered Confidential.
Vickie's schedule isn't fixed -
she probably will be riding
the train and can go on
to another city when she
wishes.

We got a letter from
Bill about skiing but we
can't go because we will
only be home a week before
he wants to go. Anyway
it is too expensive to
go way out West when
we can drive up to Vermont
for a long weekend.

Saw some pictures on
the news of Seattle's snow.
Also noticed that it was
very cold. The weather is

Wald here for January. We
went up to N.Y.C. for the
weekend with some friends.
Rode the Metroliner - it is
very nice with wide
cushioned seats and a
carpeted floor. Saw Fiddler
on the Roof, but I
didn't think it was
anything special - boring,
in fact.

Glad you liked the
things from Russia. We
will probably bring back
lots from Europe. I got
an American Express card
and it encourages spending.

Sorry about the messy
letter - I will start
typing again!

Jim

JIM

Feb 9 Fly to carrier
10 Anchorage at Sicily
11-17 Operations at sea
18-23 Port call at
Palma De Mallorca,
Spain
24-28 Operations at sea
29-~~30~~¹ Barcelona, Spain
Mar 2 Fly to Paris
6 Return home

VICKIE

Feb 9-10 Naples
11-20 Rome
21-25 Florence
26-29 Nice
Mar 2 Paris
